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Pakistani Leader at WhiteHouse

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—

President Eisenhower's luncheon tomorrow for the Governor General of Pakistan, Ghulam Mohammed, may signalize the start of formal discussions between the United States and Pakistan that could lead to a military alliance and the establishment of bases within easy striking distance of Russia's great new industrial centers behind the Urals.

Exploratory talks have been under way for weeks both here and in Karachi. Pakistan has announced willingness to negotiate an air-base deal provided the United States will supply arms for Pakistan's 250,000-man army.

Attending tomorrow's luncheon will be Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson; Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey; Joseph M. Dodge, Director of the Bureau of the Budget; Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs, and Sens. Mike Mansfield, D., Mont., and William Langer, R., N. D., members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Foreign Minister to Attend

Pakistani Foreign Minister Sir Zafrullah Khan and Ambassador

Syed Amjad Ali will accompany the Governor General to the luncheon.

The United States first became interested in the strategic possibilities of Pakistan more than a year ago when Adm. Arthur W. Radford, now Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited that country as commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet. Adm. Radford inspected Pakistan Army headquarters at Rawalpindi, conferred with the commander in chief, Gen. Ayub Khan, and came away deeply impressed.

A glance at a map will show Pakistan's key position in any scheme to extend the arc of American air bases around the southern flank of Soviet Asia. At present there is an enormous gap between existing bases at Adana, Turkey, and in the Philippines.

Bases in Pakistan, besides offering a take-off point within striking distance of Russia's atomic plants and other war installations behind the Urals, might provide a point of return for strategic bombers striking at Russia across the Polar zone from Thule Base in Greenland.

India Opposed

The one great restraining factor in this base deal is the attitude of India. Against the Pentagon's enthusiasm for pushing the alliance is the State Department's concern over the Indian reaction.

Two great unsettled issues—control of Indus Valley water and the dispute over Kashmir—continue to exacerbate relations between Indian and Pakistan. India regards with alarm any suggestion that the United States will arm Pakistani forces. Moreover, "neutral" India wants Pakistan to remain aloof in the cold war between the Soviet bloc and the West.

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